Endurance: Giving Generously
Proverbs 28:11-22
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"But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also." – 2 Corinthians 8:7

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. [9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."
– 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

1. Generosity Reflects Wisdom (vs. 11-13)
"A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out. [12] When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves. [13] Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. [25] Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."
– Proverbs 11:24-25

2. Generosity Brings Satisfaction (vs. 18-19)
"Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered, but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall. [19] Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty."

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. [11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." – 1 Timothy 6:10-11

3. Generosity Is an Act of Grace (vs. 20-22)
"A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. [21] To show partiality is not good, but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong. [22] A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him."

"your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. [15] As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."
– 2 Corinthians 8:14-15